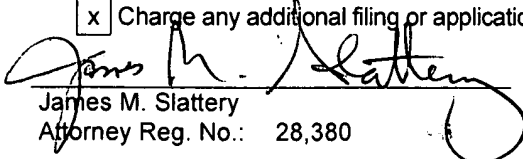


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Applicant(s): Hajime TABATA et al.					
Invention: SPEECH COMMUNICATION APPARATUS					
MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2005 (Paper No. 082105), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Claim Set As Amended and Remarks.